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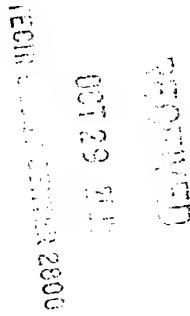
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 8, 2003, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect **group I, claims 1-19** for prosecution at this time with traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the claims of group II at a later date.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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